



[People Watching With Jesus]

PURPOSE OF GROUP

Grow: Take next steps in our faith journey.

Invite: Make room for others to grow.

Support: Care and serve one another.

PRAY

CONNECT

- What are your plans for Thanksgiving?
- What stuck out to you most during Junior's sermon from Israel?

READ MARK 12:38–44

- **VS 38-40** — What are the things the scribes longed for?
- **VS 41-42** — Why do you think the widow gave all that she had?
 - Are Christians commanded to give away all of their possessions? Why or why not? (*No, but we are told to be good stewards of our money.*)
- Do you think Scripture has a more negative or positive view of money? (*This question is just to get people thinking about the truth...that money is just a thing. Money is neither good or evil. The heart of a person determines whether the thing is used for good or evil.*)
- **VS 43** — What was Jesus trying to get his disciples to understand about the contrast between the scribes and the widow?
- The scribes were more interested their image than they were about their faith and actions. In what ways is it a temptation for you to be more about image?

DISCUSSION (SPLIT UP MEN AND WOMAN)

- **#1 God loves generosity.** Why do you think generosity is another form of worship? (*Our giving images our generous Creator. Worship throughout scripture was sacrifice.*)
 - How has God been generous to you?
- **#2 % > \$.** God measures generosity in percentages not dollar signs. Percentages show sacrifice. Does our sacrificial God see sacrifice in the way you give? Why or why not?
- We all sacrifice for things we want. Our spending is a good indicator toward what we value.
 - What would your bank statements indicate that you value?
 - What is one financial sacrifice you can make this next month as worship to God?

PRAY

SUGGESTED ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS

(Below are three sets of accountability questions. My suggestion would be to break up into men and women and do one set of accountability questions every meeting or just do the top 3 below...)

Top 3

- What has God been teaching/challenging you in this week through Scripture and prayer?
- When it comes to your relationships, what can we pray for you about?
- Are you holding on to anything you need to confess (*anger, lust, envy, anxiety, jealousy, bitterness*)?

— OR —

How's your relationship with God?	How's your relationships with others?	How's your heart?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have you experienced God's love and goodness this week?• What has gotten in the way of your relationship with God this last week?• What has God been teaching/challenging you in this week through Scripture and prayer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you angry/bitter/resentful toward anyone? Anyone you need to apologize to or reconcile with?• What have you done to serve, encourage, and lead your family/friends closer to God?• Who are you actively trying to share the love of God with? (Inviting to church, serving them, reaching out) (pick a new person every month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you holding on to anything you need to confess? (<i>lust, lying, greed, anger, envy, pride, laziness, gluttony — I would use this question to talk about purity.</i>)• How has your anger/envy/anxiety/addiction shown up this week?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does that reveal what you're trusting in besides God?